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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJ: BANGLADESH TO OPEN EMBASSY IN KABUL

REF: KABUL 1285 (NOTAL)

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

1. EMBOFF LEARNED APRIL 12 THAT FAZUL KARIM, CHIEF OF PERSONNEL IN BANGLADESH MFA, LEAVING FOR KABUL APRIL 16, VIA DELHI, TO OPEN FIRST BANGLADESH EMBASSY IN AFGHANISTAN. KARIM WILL BE CHARGE UNTIL AMBASSADOR APPOINTED AND ARRIVES AT POST. KARIM UNSURE WHETHER HE WILL STAY ON OR BE REASSIGNED.

2. KARIM KNOW TO EMBOFF (FRERES) FROM CAIRO WHERE KARIM WAS ONE OF FIRST MEMBERS PAKISTAN EMBASSY THERE TO DEFECT TO BANGLADESH. KARIM SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED CAIRO SEMI- CLANDESTINELY, PRESUMABLY TO PUT OUT FEELERS TO EGYPTIANS ABOUT RECOGNITION BANGLADESH, AND TO INDUCE OTHER BENGALEES IN PAK EMBASSY TO DEFECT.

3. WHILE SERVING IN PAK EMBASSY CARIO, KARIM BECAME
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ACQUAINTED WITH PRESENT AFGHAN PRIMIN SHAFIQ WHO HAD BEEN AFGHANISTAN' S AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT. KARIM, A BACHEOLOR AGED ABOUT THIRTY- FIVE, HAD BEEN MEMBER CAIRO' S SWINGING SET. KARIM' S ONLY OTHER OVERSEAS POST WAS IN INDIA.

4. KARIM SAID HE HAS NEVER PREVIOUSLY VISITED AFGHANISTAN AND INDICATED INTEREST IN MEETING MEMBERS AMEMBASSY STAFF THERE. EMBOFF GAVE HIM NAME OF JAY HAWLEY. BELIEVE IT MAY TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR EMBASSY TAKE UP CONTACT WITH KARIM.

5. AFGHANS WHO TESTED WATER FOR OPENING FIRST AFGHAN EMBASSY DACCA (REFTEL) WERE CAREFULLY SHEPHERDED BY MFA DURING BRIEF DACCA STAY AND DID NOT CONTACT THIS EMBASSY. KARIM EXPECTS AFGHANISTAN TO MAN ITS DACCA EMBASSY WITHIN MONTH OR SO.
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NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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